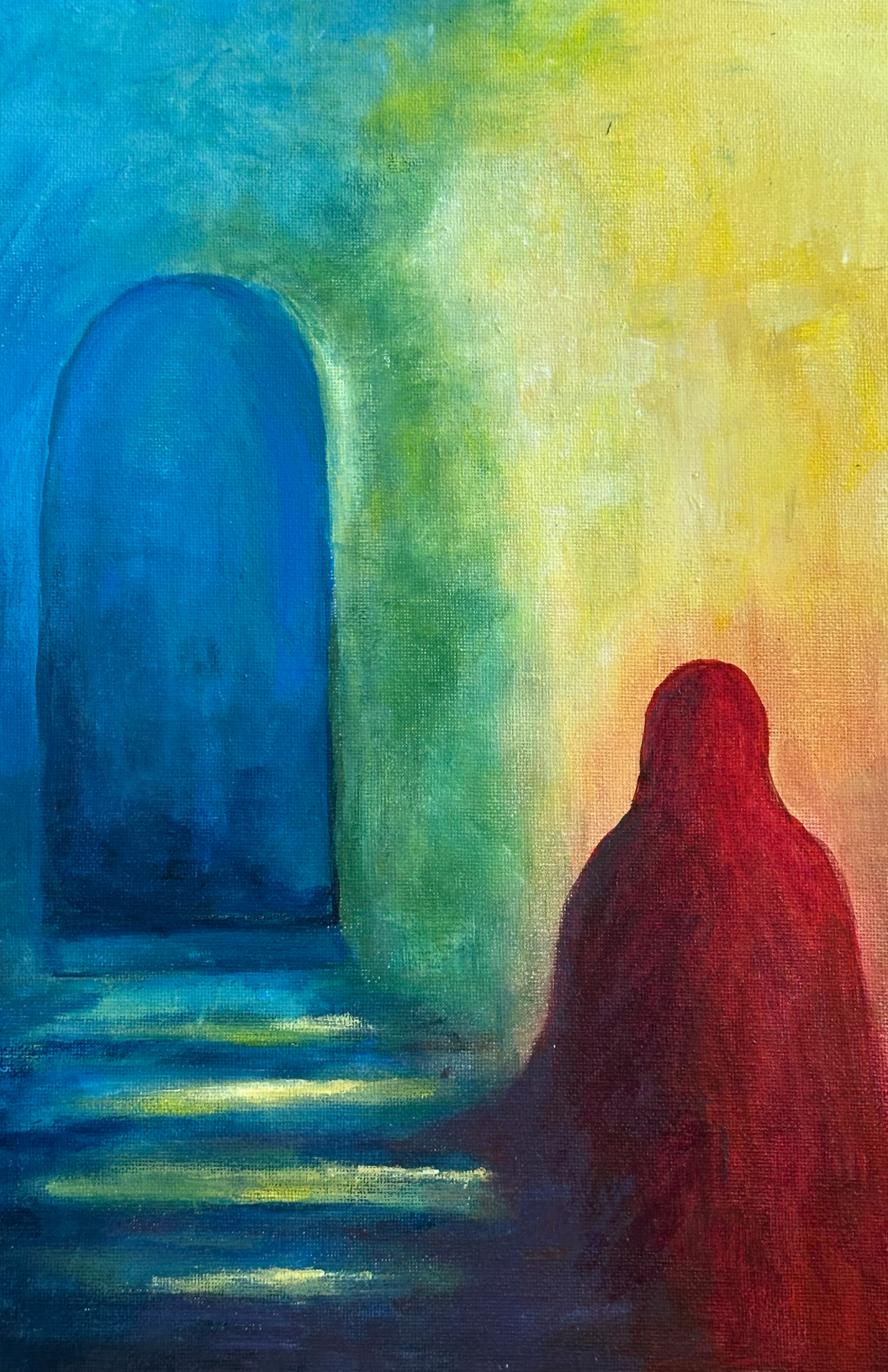


TELL ME A STORY



FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE BOOK OF LUKE

STUDY GUIDE



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Front and back interior art by FrancesKay Allebes: “Both works were created using only the primary colors, along with black and white. In color theory, primary colors are self-existent, not derived from any other hues. They remind me of God’s eternal nature—origin and source. Similarly, black is understood as the presence of all colors, while white is the absence of all; metaphors, perhaps, for mystery and revelation, silence and fullness. These pieces aim to explore how many shades and tones, much like the experiences of faith, can emerge from a single, essential source. For me, they reflect the parables of Christ, inviting conversation, interpretation, and connection. Doorway was inspired by an image from a monastery within the Alhambra in Spain. It speaks to the movement of faith, both the ascent and the descent, as sacred rhythms of spiritual life. House Built on Faith reflects the wonder of growth from small beginnings. It was inspired by the golden fields of wildflowers that blanket the Ortega Highway in spring—vivid, living reminders that even the smallest seed of faith, like the mustard seed, can bloom into something vast and radiant.”

What's your favorite story? As a girl, the Anne of Green Gables stories gripped me. I loved talkative Anne and her penchant for accidental mischief. As an adult, I can't put down the novels of authors like Leif Enger and Lisa See and Toni Morrison. A powerful story leaves us transfixed, mesmerised, changed.

We love a good story, don't we? It's why people flock to the new superhero movie or curl up with a good book or follow the plot of their favorite tv show. A good story draws us in, keeps us interested, and stays with us long after it ends.

Jesus was a master storyteller. From his parables to his deep knowledge of the Old Testament Scriptures to his ability to recount earlier events in compelling ways, our Savior knew how to tell a story so that others would listen.

This autumn we will be digging into the center chapters of the Gospel of Luke. We will encounter familiar characters: the lost son, the loving father, the bitter brother. As we read, we will also come face to face with ourselves. What do these stories tell us about God? What do they illuminate about our own hearts and minds?

As we read these stories, they will become part of us. A good story never really leaves us--it becomes woven into the fabric of our lives forever. In the same way the true, historic story of Jesus will change us, too.

We are calling this study

tell me a story

This is not a command but a gentle request of Jesus. Let's sit with him, open our Bibles, and prepare to be transformed.

On the journey with you, *Pastor Courtney*

TELL ME A STORY

Sermon Series: Tell Me a Story
(The Gospel of Luke)

Dates: September 7 - October 12, 2025

Memory Verses:

- Luke 15:1-7

Daily Reading Log + Bible Project Videos

- All videos are available on the PCOM app and at mypcom.com/dailybible
- Daily questions to ponder:
 - What is this passage about?
 - What was God saying through it to its first ancient audience, in context?
 - What is God saying through it to you, today?

Week 1

- ☐ 9/7: Luke 10:1-24
- ☐ • **Video: Luke 10-24**
- ☐ 9/8: Luke 10:25-37
- ☐ 9/9: Luke 10:38-11:13
- ☐ 9/10: Luke 11:14-36
- ☐ 9/11: Luke 11:37-54
- ☐ 9/12: Luke 12:1-21
- ☐ 9/13: Luke 12:22-34

Week 2

- ☐ 9/14: Luke 12:35-48
- ☐ 9/15: Luke 12:49-59
- ☐ 9/16: Luke 13:1-21
- ☐ 9/17: Luke 13:22-35
- ☐ 9/18: Luke 14:1-24
- ☐ 9/19: Luke 14:25-15:10
- ☐ 9/20: Luke 15:11-32
- ☐ • **Video: The Prodigal Son**

Week 3

- ☐ 9/21: Luke 16:1-31
- ☐ • **Podcast: What Does Jesus Say about Money?**
- ☐ 9/22: Luke 17:1-19
- ☐ 9/23: Luke 17:20-37
- ☐ 9/24: Luke 18:1-17
- ☐ • **Video: How to Read the Parables of Jesus**
- ☐ 9/25: Luke 18:18-34
- ☐ 9/26: Luke 19:1-27
- ☐ 9/27: Luke 19:28-48

Week 4

- ☐ 9/28: Luke 20:1-19
- ☐ • **Podcast: Jesus, Rebels, and Resurrection**
- ☐ 9/29: Luke 20:20-40
- ☐ 9/30: Luke 20:41-21:4
- ☐ 10/1: Luke 21:5-24
- ☐ 10/2: Luke 21:25-38
- ☐ • **Podcast: Jesus, the New Jerusalem**
- ☐ 10/3: Luke 22:1-23
- ☐ • **Video: The Crucifixion of Jesus, Luke 19-23**
- ☐ 10/4: Luke 22:24-38

Week 5

- ☐ 10/5: Luke 22:39-65
- ☐ 10/6: Luke 22:66-23:12
- ☐ 10/7: Luke 23:13-25
- ☐ 10/8: Luke 23:26-43
- ☐ 10/9: Luke 23:44-56
- ☐ 10/10: Luke 24:1-12
- ☐ • **Video: The Resurrection (Luke 24)**
- ☐ 10/11: Luke 24:13-29
- ☐ 10/12: Luke 24:30-53

**Note: We leave a week between
sermon series for make-up.
Next reading plan will begin October 19**

1

follow me

LUKE 14:25-33

MEMORY VERSE

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

– LUKE 15:1-2

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL PRACTICE:

FOLLOW JESUS

Today we talk about “followers.” We follow influencers on social media, we follow pundits on television, we follow our favorite podcasts or shows. Today’s Bible reading will remind us of the only person we are supposed to follow: Jesus. Make a list of everyone and everything you are following. (To follow, for our context, means to regularly watch, listen, pay attention to, or learn from.)

Then write a list of your regular spiritual practices—anything that helps you follow Jesus more closely, from reading your Bible and praying to quietly washing the dishes, taking a walk out in nature, meeting with a small group, exercising, or journaling.

Compare the two lists. What do you notice? Does this list reflect your values? Are you following Jesus in the ways you want to be? Who else are you following? Are they leading you toward greater love of God and your neighbor or not? If not, what changes might you want to make this week? Permanently?

AN INVITATION TO STUDY:

Read Luke 14:25-26 aloud.

Q1. Jesus has some strong words for the crowd here! What does he tell them they must do in order to be his disciple?

In Jesus's day, speakers often used hyperbole—exaggeration—for effect. We often use it similarly today. For example, I might say, “I like lizards, but compared to birds I hate them.” This doesn't mean I hate lizards, but instead that I like birds *so much more*.

Q2. What do you think Jesus means when he tells us we must hate our mother and father, spouse and children? How is this counterbalanced by other teachings in Scripture like Exodus 12:20 (“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”) and Luke 2:51 (“Then Jesus went down to Nazareth with his parents and was obedient to them.”)?

Read Luke 14:27 aloud.

Crucifixion was the most public and brutal punishment in the time of Jesus. It wouldn't be unusual to see a person convicted of a capital crime walking through town carrying their own cross—the object that would soon cause their death.

Q3. What illustration does Jesus use when he tells his followers what is required to be his disciple? Why do you think he chooses this item?

Read Luke 14:28-33 aloud.

Q4. Why do you think Jesus wants us to count the cost of following him?

AN INVITATION TO REFLECTION:

Q1. Jesus speaks some strong and difficult words to his prospective followers in this passage. What do you think your reaction would have been if you were standing there listening to him over two thousand years ago?

In his book *The Deeply Formed Life*, Rich Villodas writes, "To be an incarnational follower of Christ, there must be a relinquishing of control, a reversal of social order. According to the natural perceptions of this

world, it's an upside-down kingdom. But it's a kingdom of God-saturated imagination. It's the way of the Cross."

Q2. How do you feel about giving up the control of your life in order to follow Jesus, wherever he leads you?

Q3. What have you given up to be Jesus's disciple? What haven't you given up?

Q4. Is there anything that you are holding back from Jesus that he is calling you to lay down (i.e. give up or do less of) for him today?

AN INVITATION TO ACTION:

You're invited to choose one or more of the following to do on your own over the next week as a way of deepening the lesson of this Bible study through action. Make a plan to undertake your chosen action(s) before next week's study.

1. Memorize!

Beginning this week, learn each of our memory verses during this six-week study. (Each week's is written at the beginning of the lesson.) You may wish to set the verses to music, say them out loud, or print them out to place them somewhere you'll see them often. Memorizing with a friend can be even more fun and effective!

2. Worship through Music

Listen to the song "Take Up Your Cross" from [PCOM? Brooklyn Tab?]. How does setting these words to music help knit them into your heart? Are there any ways the music heightens their meaning? Softens it?

3. Prioritize

Look carefully and objectively at your life. Where does your time go? Your money? What do these priorities say about your relationship with Jesus? How might God be calling you to shift one or more priorities this week?

2

the God who searches

LUKE 15:1-10

MEMORY VERSE

Then Jesus told them this parable.

– LUKE 15:3

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: SEARCH

My maternal grandmother is Catholic. Whenever I'd lose something as a child, she'd tell me she'd pray to St. Anthony, the patron saint of lost things, to help me find it. It got me thinking: whenever we lose something, God knows where it is! It also reminded me that God welcomes even our smallest problems. Nothing is too trivial for God's attention, care, and love.

What is something you've lost recently? Search for it! But before you do, take a moment and ask God for help. You may wish to pray the following prayer:

Dear Jesus, you know where my lost _____ is. I ask that you would help me to find it today. Guide my thinking and my steps. Thank you for seeing me. In your holy name I pray, Amen.

After you've concluded your search, reflect: what was it like to search? Did you find what you were looking for? What was going on in your mind while you looked?

AN INVITATION TO STUDY:

Read Luke 15:1-2 aloud.

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were the religious establishment in Jesus' day. They were very concerned with appearances, making sure everyone followed the letter of the law.

Q1. Who is Jesus eating with? How do the Pharisees and the teachers of the law react?

Read Luke 15:3-7 aloud.

Jesus tells this parable to people who are criticizing him for eating with outsiders - tax collectors, who were hated in his society, and sinners, defined as those who were not perfectly keeping the law of God according to the religious leaders.

In her book *Curious Faith*, Lore Ferguson Wilbert writes, "God's love for us is not his transaction for our perfect actions. His love is the gift, our faith is the response." God will stop at nothing to seek after us.

Q2. What causes the most rejoicing in heaven, according to Jesus? Why do you think this is?

Read Luke 15:8-10 aloud.

Q3. What does the woman do to find her lost coin? What is her response when she finds it?

Q4. Jesus often repeats a main point in order to drive his thesis home. Here he repeats the same idea in v. 7 and 10. He also repeats it in v. 31-32 in the next parable, the story of the lost son. What do you think the effect of this repetition was on Jesus' audience? What is its effect on you today?

AN INVITATION TO REFLECTION:

Q1. Jesus tells two very similar stories. Can you think of an example of two stories that influence one another in our culture? For example, the bestselling *Story of Edgar Sawtelle* was a retelling of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Or the film version of *Ramona and Beezus* is similar but not identical to the book by Beverly Cleary.

Q2. Jesus will stop at nothing to seek after those who are lost. Can you think of a time when you were feeling lost? Looking back, in what ways can you see Jesus at work, seeking after you? What brought you back?

Q3. Is there someone you love who you sense might be feeling lost? What is one way you might reach out to them in love this week? (Hint: if you need an idea, Jesus was a big fan of eating with tax collectors and sinners!)

Q4. Why do you think Jesus tells so many stories? What can stories do for us that mere facts can't?

AN INVITATION TO ACTION:

1. Tell a story

Think of a story you love, whether a personal story, a story from Scripture, or a story you've read or been told. Go over it in your mind—what are the details you love about it? What made it stick with you? Then retell it to a friend or family member.

2. Revisit a favorite story

What is your favorite story? Whether it's a book, television show, movie, or Bible story, revisit it this week. Notice the pace at which it unfolds. What keeps you coming back to this story?

3. Eat a meal with a new crowd

Choose a different lunch table this week, or invite a neighbor or a newcomer to join you for a meal. Then reflect: what did you learn about yourself in this stretching practice? What did you learn about the new person (or people) you ate with? What does it tell us about Jesus that he regularly ate with outsiders?

3

two masters

LUKE 16:1-13

MEMORY VERSE

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”

– LUKE 15:4

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: *AUDIT*

Where does your money go? Print out your accounts or a record of any software that tracks your transactions. Then look closely: over the course of an average month, how much do you spend, and on what?

Jesus mentions money regularly in the Gospels. One out of every ten verses is about money, from how we use it to the importance of caring for the poor.

He speaks about money often because it can have great power in our lives. Power to control us through fear or greed. Power to distract us. Power to separate us from our neighbors or from those in need.

So for today’s spiritual practice, pray over those balance sheets. Tell Jesus of your fears. Ask for his provision. And pray that he would give you eyes to see how to use money as a tool and not be used by it. You may wish to close with this prayer:

Jesus, liberate me from the love of money. Protect me from the fear of scarcity. Open my hands to you. Amen.

AN INVITATION TO STUDY:

Read Luke 16:1-8 aloud.

Q1. What is the manager's problem? What is his plan to solve it?

Read Luke 16:8-9 aloud.

Q2. Why do you think the master commends the dishonest manager? Who do you think the master represents in this story? What is the point Jesus seems to be making?

Read Luke 16:10-13 aloud.

Q3. How do those who are dishonest with a little behave? What about those who are trustworthy with little? Can you think of an example of either of these from your own life or from our culture?

Q4. Jesus makes a very strong statement in v. 13. What does he say, and what do you think it means?

AN INVITATION TO REFLECTION:

Q1. Money is sometimes seen as the “third rail” of church life. We can talk about all sorts of tricky topics, from sin to salvation, but when we challenge people on how they spend, save, and give their money, it can get folks very hot and bothered! Is it easy or difficult for you to talk about where your money goes? Why do you suppose this is?

Q2. In what ways might following Jesus put us at odds with how the world (and how we ourselves!) uses and treats money?

Q3. Have you ever experienced financial dishonesty, whether your finances or someone else's? How did that impact your trust with this person, our financial systems, or yourself?

Q4. Can you think of any other examples, besides money, in serving "two masters"? God and _____? Have you ever tried to "serve two masters"? How did it go? Why do you think that Jesus is so concerned with our priorities?

AN INVITATION TO ACTION:

1. Finish your audit

If the quick spiritual practice at the beginning of this chapter was too fast to do a full financial audit, schedule time this week to sit down by yourself, with your spouse or parents, or with a financial planner and ask: am I honoring God with my finances?

2. Serve one master

If money isn't a master in your life, spend time this week pondering whether anything else is. Sometimes we end up serving something other than God without even really knowing it! Think about where your time, dollars, and attention go most frequently. Then ponder in prayer: am I serving Jesus as my master, or something else?

3. Live honestly

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself." Are there any areas of your "house" where you're keeping God out? Pray through each room in the "house" of your life, asking God to open any hidden doors and set things right.

4

rich man, poor man

LUKE 16:19-31

MEMORY VERSE

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders.

– LUKE 15:5

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL PRACTICE:

TESTIMONY

How did you first come to know Jesus? For this week's spiritual practice, we are going to tell this story. Often called a "testimony," the story of how Jesus found you can be a powerful reminder of God's love and a wonderful witness to others.

Spend a few minutes jotting down the main points.

It may help to answer the following questions:

- How old were you?
- Did your decision to follow Jesus happen in an instant or over time?
- What role did repentance (turning from sin) have?
- Who helped you to make the decision?
- Were there any setbacks in your journey?

Then write or tell a 5-minute version of the full story. After you're done, reflect: what does this story teach you about yourself? About the love of Jesus for you?

AN INVITATION TO STUDY:

Read Luke 16:19-21 aloud.

In Jesus' day, purple linen would have been one of the most expensive types of fabric, due to the difficulty of obtaining this color dye. Kings wore purple, as did people who were very wealthy and wanted others to know it.

Q1. What two people do we meet at the start of this parable? What contrasts do you see between them?

Read Luke 16:22-24 aloud.

Q2. Where does the poor man end up after his death? Where is the rich man? How does this contrast with their earthly lives?

Jesus's parables were told in commonly understood words and ideas of his day. When people died, it was believed that they went to "Abraham's side," a way to describe heaven in the afterlife. Those who didn't love God went to Hades, the ambiguous "place of the dead."

Jesus also used the art of storytelling to make a point. While we don't ever read a historical account of someone in Hades being able to talk to a person in heaven, this is a very effective storytelling device to help show the remorse and regret of the rich man.

It's important we read Jesus' parables as stories, not history. They are illustrating deeper truths but not meant to be taken literally or as historical fact. This parable is not mainly about how heaven or hell function—it is a reminder to follow God wholeheartedly with the time that we have, knowing that our time will one day come to an end.

Read Luke 16:25-31 aloud.

Q3. What two things does the rich man want Abraham to do? What are the reasons Abraham gives for his refusal?

Q4. What storytelling tools does Jesus use to drive home the importance of repentance?

AN INVITATION TO REFLECTION:

Q1. It can be tempting to put ourselves in the role of the “good” character in Jesus' parables. But he most often told these stories to people who were in need of repentance or conviction. In what ways are you like the poor man in this story?

Q2. In what ways are you like the rich man?

Q3. Are there any ways that your life is too comfortable now? How might God be calling you to step out in faith or courage, especially on behalf of others?

Q4. Do you agree with Abraham in this story, that those who refuse to repent would still refuse, no matter what? On a scale of 1 to 10, how stubborn would you rate yourself? How can we work to have soft hearts, open to the fact that we might be wrong sometimes?

AN INVITATION TO ACTION:

1. Stretch yourself

Comfort and ease are two dangerous things in our life of faith. They can make us complacent or even apathetic toward God. Think of one way you can stretch yourself in your faith this week. For example: invite a friend from school to youth group. Reach out to a neighbor who speaks a different language or comes from another culture and have them over for a meal. Volunteer at Viejo Elementary or South County Outreach sharing the love of Jesus through tutoring or stocking shelves.

2. Take a prayer walk

Walk through your neighborhood. Pray over everything you see and any memories that come to your mind. How would your street be different if Jesus came to live there? He *does*, in you!

3. Give to the poor

We can feel quite insulated from poverty here in Orange County, but if you begin to look more closely, you will see signs of it all around us. Perhaps you yourself are in a season of real financial need, or you see a friend or neighbor struggling. Perhaps you notice an unhoused neighbor lingering outside a grocery store, or a friend walking because their car broke down and they can't afford to fix it. There's no shame - God often meets us powerfully in times of want and scarcity. If you have more than you need right now (and Jesus' definition of abundance is having more than one shirt!), consider how you might give to those who are less well off. Make a donation this week to the food bank at FAM, head down to Door of Faith Orphanage with supplies, or bring a meal to a neighbor who has fallen on hard times.

5

mustard seed faith

LUKE 17:5-10

MEMORY VERSE

...and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

– LUKE 15:6

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL PRACTICE:

BREATH PRAYER

There is a long Christian tradition of breath prayers—praying as we breathe—as a way to connect with God and settle our bodies into a place of peace. Today, you are invited to write your own four-line breath prayer.

Line 1: A name for God. Examples: Lord, Jesus Christ. Holy and Gracious God. Loving Spirit.

Line 2: A description of God. Examples: Son of God. Mighty and awesome. Beautiful and kind.

Line 3: A request from God. Examples: Have mercy on me. Grant me your peace. Give me hope.

Line 4: A description of you. Examples: Your child. A sinner. An exhausted mom. A frustrated follower.

Now, pray these four lines as you breathe in and out three or four times. *Breathe in (line 1), breathe out (line 2), breathe in (line 3), breathe out (line 4).*

Now reflect: How does your body feel? Your soul?

AN INVITATION TO STUDY:

Read Luke 17:5-6 aloud.

Q1. What do the apostles want Jesus to do for them?

Q2. What do you think Jesus means by small faith?

Read Luke 17:7-10 aloud.

Q3. What should our response be to doing the will of Jesus?

Q4. What do you think it means to be an “unworthy servant” (v.10)?

AN INVITATION TO REFLECTION:

Q1. Jesus ties the disciples’ request for an increase in their faith (v.5) to serving without seeking glory, gratitude, or acknowledgement. How might these two things be related?

Q2. Would you say that you have big faith, small faith, or something in between today? (It might change tomorrow!)

Q3. What three things in your life (people, activities, habits, hobbies, etc.) have the biggest positive impact on your faith?

Q4. Describe two or three ways that you can lean into those things which have a positive impact on your faith more fully this week.

AN INVITATION TO ACTION:

1. Serve secretly

Find a way to serve God or a neighbor secretly this week. Send an anonymous encouragement card. Mow a neighbor's grass. Stay after worship to stack chairs or pick up leftover bulletins. Then reflect: how did it feel to serve in secret? Would you consider making this a regular habit?

2. Give thanks for small seeds of faith

Even a tiny seed of faith is a tremendous thing in God's kingdom! Spend a few moments in quiet prayer asking God to illuminate small seeds of faith in your life. Then, give thanks to God for each one in prayer.

3. Pray your breath prayer each day

If you enjoyed the opening breath prayer exercise, take your prayer with you throughout the week and find creative moments to pray it when you would normally reach for your phone or another distraction. Perhaps you might pray it while you're waiting in line at the grocery store, stuck in traffic, or even waiting for worship to begin on Sunday.

6

the one who returned

LUKE 17:11-19

MEMORY VERSE

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

– LUKE 15:7

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL PRACTICE:

DELIGHT

Poet Ross Gay has a book called, simply, *The Book of Delights*. It's a collection of essays exploring small, simple daily things that delighted him. While the project started as a fun literary experiment, what he learned after only a few weeks was that the more he looked for delight, the more delights he found. He called it developing a sort of "delight radar."

The same is true of other things in our lives, both positive and negative. Grumbling begets more grumbling, for example, while expressing thankfulness can help us become more thankful.

Today we are going to engage in the spiritual practice of delight. Take a moment and think back through the past 24 hours. Write down every single thing you can think of, big and small, that brought you delight. Then, share your list with your group or with God in prayer.

Once finished, reflect: What effects did remembering specific delights from your day have on your heart? Your mood? Your connection with God?

AN INVITATION TO STUDY:

Read Luke 17:11-13 aloud.

In Jesus' day, leprosy was a highly contagious, incurable, and often fatal disease. It was also very visible and considered a mark of sin or impurity. Lepers were kept separate from normal society to prevent spreading their condition to others as well as out of social stigma, and were forced to obey strict rules. It was very lonely and isolating to suffer from leprosy.

Q1. Where are the lepers? Why do they stand far off? What are they asking Jesus for?

Read Luke 17:14-19 aloud.

Jews and Samaritans did not always get along. Though they shared a common ancestry, they now lived in different countries (Israel and Samaria) and had strong beliefs about the only proper place to worship God (the Temple in Jerusalem or Mount Gerazim).

Q2. How many healed lepers came back to thank Jesus? What is significant about the only one who does?

Q3. All ten lepers were healed by Jesus. Yet in v. 19, Jesus tells the one who has returned “your faith has made you well.” What do you think Jesus means by this? Is there more than one way to be made well?

Q4. What do you think got in the way of the other nine lepers returning to Jesus to say thanks? Do you think Jesus needs us to thank him, or is something deeper going on here?

AN INVITATION TO REFLECTION:

Q1. Have you ever felt like one of the lepers—unwelcome, ostracized, or needing to keep your distance from others?

Q2. What do you think the lepers' immediate response was when Jesus healed them? What would go through your mind if you were one of them? How would your life change?

Q3. How does gratitude shape our hearts, beliefs, and appetites?

Q4. What do you think the significance is of the Samaritan being the only one to come back and thank Jesus? Can you think of a time in your life when an "outsider" showed more grace, faith, or gratitude than someone on the "inside"?

AN INVITATION TO ACTION:

1. Pick up your next study guide

Let's keep learning! Now that we're drawing this study guide to a close, it's time to grab your next one! Stop by the church office, the gazebo, or check the PCOM website for more info.

2. Celebrate your memorization

Did you memorize the suggested Scriptures with us during this study? Well done, you! Do something to mark this wonderful accomplishment: perhaps you need a cupcake, a sunshine-filled hike, a nap, or to celebrate with a friend.

3. Practice gratitude

Work on your "delight radar" this week by seeking to notice things that bring you joy. Each time you do, say a quick prayer of thanks to God.

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